Facilities to be provided to the Agro Service Centres

3283. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agriculture Minister in 1981-82, had written several letters to the Union Petroleum Minister, Fertilizer and Chemical Minister to accord priority in allotment of dealerships of the petroleum products, and fertilizers etc. to the Agro-service centres;

(b) whether subsequently, the Minister for State and the Minister himself had also written to the Chief Ministers of all the State Governments in 1981-82 itself to provide various facilities to the Agro Services centres of their respective States; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the response of the Union Ministers and Chief Ministers of the States thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Minister for Agriculture had in a letter to Minister of Petroleum, Chemicals and Fertilisers on 1-2-82 suggested that the Agro-Service Centres could be given dealership for distribution of diesel, petrol and lubricants.

(b) Minister of Agriculture had suggested to the Chief Ministers to consider certain measures for helping the Agro Service Centres.

(c) (i) Minister for Energy had informed Minister for Agriculture that the cases of Agro Service Centres for dealership for the distribution of petroleum products could be considered by the Selection Committee if they responded to advertisement for dealerships.

(ii) Some Chief Ministers responded by apprising the Union Minister for Agriculture about the status of provisions in this regard in force in the States.

Rehabilitation scheme for Agro Service Centres

3284. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the provisions and the facilities of the original scheme for the establishment of Agro Service Centres included in the rehabilitation scheme for the Agro Service Centres prepared by the Ministry in 1986 under the directions of the judgement dated 30th September, 1985 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court; and

(b) what are the reasons for not including all the facilities and provisions of the original scheme in the rehabilitation plan as stated above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) The scheme for Rehabilitation of Sick Agro Service Centres, prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1986, did not revise the Agro Service Centres Scheme but contained additional measures without pre-judice to facilities envisaged in the Agro Service Centres Scheme.

Salvaging Plan for Agro Service Centres

3285. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the "SALVAGING PLAN" for the Agro Entrepreneurs of Agro Service Centres formulated by Shri V.M. Tarkunde